

c. s. c. A little attention to our public affairs and the State of our Army will convince any man that the most vigorous exertions are necessary and must be adopted to procure our quota. I shall not enlarge on this important subject. I beg leave to call your immediate attention to it, and if a moment's delay can be granted, be pleased to consider the following extract of a letter from Gen^l Washington to his friend Col^o Harrison, of 12 Instant. With great truth I can add, that Heaven alone knows upon what principle they (the enemy) act, or by what means, they are kept quiet. That we are not able to make the least stand, if they move, is as clear as the sun in its Meridian Brightness. Whilst you are at an expence equal to the maintenance of a large army and expect that we are very strong, we have scarce men enough to mount the common guard.

I thought this Intelligence necessary for your information, but the communication of it to our General Assembly must be made with every caution of secrecy. The knowledge of it may bring destruction on our Country.

I wish it was in my power to advise in the present crisis. The mode in the Resolve of Congress to Gen^l Smallwood may be of some service. The Gentlemen of this County have not as yet assisted, by public meetings and associations, to carry any public measures into execution. I beg leave to submit the enclosed proposal to your consideration, if adopted it ought to be late in the Session, and after all other exertions have been made. I am, Gent, with regard and Respect,
The Honble Council of Safety Your obedient Servant,
of Maryland Sam^l Chase.
Annapolis

c. s. J.

Friday February 21, 1777.

Council Met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Joshua George Seventy Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings and nine pence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock

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[Andrew Buchanan to Council.]

Sirs.

Harford County 17th February 1777.

We received the money remited us by M^r Norris and shall take care to return account of the expenditure. The money we formerly had we remited acc^t of. If mischances has happened that it has not come to your hands we will furnish